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## Allen wins District 61B special election

### Susan Allen becomes first Native American woman to serve in Minnesota House

Susan Allen was chosen to be the newest member of the House of Representatives Tuesday, winning the District 61B special election.

Allen (DFL-Mpls) garnered 1,155 votes, or 55.96 percent, to defeat Nathan Blumenshine, who received 896 votes. An additional 13 write-in votes were cast.

“I am excited to get to work on your behalf and on behalf of the entire district at the State Capitol,” Allen wrote on her Facebook page. “My early priorities will be to bring jobs and job training to (the) district, work on a fair tax system for Minnesota and fight the discriminatory constitutional marriage amendment. I look forward to getting to know you better, hearing about your priorities and about how I can best represent you.”

No date has been set for the official swearing-in ceremony.

Allen, a tax and tribal law attorney, will fill the seat vacated by former Rep. Jeff Hayden (DFL-Mpls), who was elected to the Minnesota Senate in October.

Committee assignments are yet to be finalized for Allen.

Allen’s contact information will be 651-296-7152 or rep.susan.allen@house.mn. She is expected to take over Hayden’s former office at 389 State Office Building.